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House Resolution

No. 30

Introduced by Assembly Members Yamada and Eggman

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House Resolution No. 30—Relative to Social Work Month.

- 1 WHEREAS, March 2014 is recognized nationally as “Social
2 Work Month” and this year’s theme is, “All People Matter”; and
3 WHEREAS, The social work profession has its roots in the 1889
4 Chicago settlement house movement led by the “Mother of Social
5 Work,” Jane Addams; and
6 WHEREAS, The primary mission of the social work profession
7 is to enhance and meet the basic needs of all people, with particular
8 attention to the needs and empowerment through social action and
9 social justice for those who are poor, oppressed, and living in
10 poverty; and

1 WHEREAS, Today, there are over 640,000 professional social
2 workers in the United States, over 50,000 of whom are in
3 California; and

4 WHEREAS, There are over 4,000 graduate students in the social
5 work pipeline in 21 accredited California State University,
6 University of California, and private programs throughout the
7 state; and

8 WHEREAS, Professional social workers train in an intensive
9 combination of classroom and community experiences focused on
10 individuals, families, and communities in crisis and in need of
11 help; and

12 WHEREAS, Professional social workers provide services across
13 the age spectrum, from prenatal to end of life services; and

14 WHEREAS, Professional social workers serve in diverse
15 settings, including schools, courtrooms, health clinics, hospitals,
16 senior centers, homeless shelters, nursing homes, the military,
17 disaster relief, prisons, corporations, and in political office; and

18 WHEREAS, Professional social workers who have served in
19 Congress include the Honorable Ron Dellums, MSW, the
20 Honorable Barbara Lee, MSW, and the Honorable Susan Davis,
21 MSW, and who have served in the California State Legislature
22 include the Honorable Mary Salas, BSW, and the Honorable Patty
23 Berg, B.A. in social work; and

24 WHEREAS, Professional social workers who have combined
25 their leadership skills and knowledge of community development
26 into distinguished positions include Arturo Rodriguez, MSW,
27 President of the United Farmworkers Organization, and James
28 Mize, MSW, Sacramento Superior Court Judge; now, therefore,
29 be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
31 Assembly proclaims March 2014 “Social Work Month” in the
32 State of California, commends the California Chapter of the
33 National Association of Social Workers, which celebrates its 40th
34 anniversary, for its role in advancing professional social work and
35 promoting the well-being of the people of California, and urges
36 all Californians to take part in March “All People Matter” events
37 throughout California; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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